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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/766,475	01/29/2004	Timothy P. Scannell	23569.00	3716

TITLE OF INVENTION: PLASTIC POP-TOP CAN LIP CLEANER

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$665	\$300	\$965	12/08/2004

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

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Effective October 1, 2004, 37 CFR 1.18 is proposed to be amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (c) to read as set forth below. As stated above, the final fee may be a different amount, and applicant should check the WEB site given above when paying the fee.

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